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**PATENT APPLICATION  
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicant:** May et al.                      **Examiner:** Luu, An T.  
**Serial No:** 09/626,574                      **Art Group:** 2816  
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**Title:** Edge Sensitive Detection Circuit

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Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks,  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed on 09/12/2001, having a shortened statutory period expiring 12/12/2001. Accompanying this response is a petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for extension of time by three (3) months setting a new time for response of March 12, 2002. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of following remarks.

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**REMARKS**

Claims 1-19 are pending in the application.  
Claims 1-19 stand rejected.

The above referenced Office Action states "Amendment filed 8-22-01 is objected under 35 U.S.C. §132 because it introduces new matter into the disclosure. 35 U.S.C. §132 states that no amendment shall introduce new matter into the disclosure of the invention. The added material which is not supported by the original disclosure is as follows: